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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 relates to an image forming device which has a CPU, and a NVRAM which stores programs for controlling its units by CPU. The NVRAM is rewritable through its modem and stored programs are renewable.

Document A2 relates to a facsimile device with a functional circuit for erasing programs on its ROM which can be erased with known techniques and for writing new programs in its ROM through a communication control part.

Document A3 relates to an image forming device which renews its controlling programs through a communication circuit, only when the downloaded programs are newer than the existing programs.

English translations of these documents are not readily available; however, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.

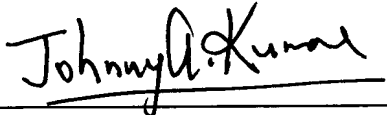
The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b) within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified application.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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